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# CITY OF BOSTON.

*City Document No. 14.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC LANDS.

January 15, 1877.

*To the Honorable City Council:—*

The Superintendent of Public Lands respectfully submits his annual

### REPORT.

The sales of lands, as made under the direction of the Committee on Public Lands, during the year 1876, have been as follows:—

One lot on Harrison avenue, between East Newton and East Stoughton streets, containing 1,896 square feet, at \$1.50 per foot	\$2,844 00
Of the above amount the Superintendent has received in cash, and paid over to Collector, the sum of	\$288 00
And one bond has been taken, payable in nine annual instalments, with interest	2,556 00
Total	\$2,844 00

A number of applications for the purchase of land was received during the year, and prices fixed for the sale thereof, but which were not satisfactory to the applicants, and the offer, as afterwards made by them, was so very low that the committee did not deem it advisable to accept of the same, and therefore respectfully declined to sell.

There were thirty-five deeds executed and delivered during the year for land previously sold.

The following amounts have been received by the Superintendent during the year, and paid over to the Collector, viz.:—

For extending the time for building upon land on Albany, Dover, East Fourth street, and on Harrison avenue . . . . .	\$803 63
For rent of land on South Bay and South Boston . . . . .	190 00
For rent of part of wharf and building on Albany street, in rear of City Hospital . . . . .	441 60
For rent of land on Albany street . . . . .	112 60
For rent of wharf on Albany street . . . . .	200 00
For rent of building on Swett street . . . . .	175 00
For rent of house on Highland street . . . . .	262 50
For rent of land on Canal and Richmond streets, Charlestown District . . . . .	125 00
For rent of Great Brewster Island . . . . .	100 00
For rent of house 154 Shawmut avenue . . . . .	250 00
For rent of house 4 Albion street . . . . .	120 00
For rent of land on Dover street and Shawmut avenue . . . . .	45 00
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>\$2,825 33</b>

And there was paid to the Treasurer for pasturage upon Gibson School Fund land, in Dorchester District . . . . .	100 00
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>\$2,925 33</b>

The following lots of land and estates have been taken possession of during the year by the Superintendent, as per orders of the City Council, and declared forfeited for non-compliance of the terms and condition of sale, viz.:—

Six lots of land on Harrison avenue, south of East Newton street, containing . . . . .	10,597 sq. ft.
Two lots on East Springfield street, containing . . . . .	3,027 "
One lot on Albany street, containing . . . . .	3,677 "
One lot on West Castle street, containing . . . . .	954 "
Two lots on Albion and Paul streets, containing . . . . .	1,996 "
One lot on N. corner of East Third street, containing . . . . .	6,250 "
One lot on East Third street, containing . . . . .	3,137 "
One lot on East Fourth street, containing . . . . .	6,250 "
One lot on Shawmut avenue, corner of Dover street, containing . . . . .	1,015 "

and which rents for \$180.00 per year.

One estate numbering 154 Shawmut avenue, containing 982 square feet of land, with a brick building thereon, and which rents for \$600.00 per year.

One estate numbering 4 Albion street, containing 992 square feet of land, with a brick building thereon, and which rents for \$480.00 per year.

One estate numbering 10 Indiana place, containing 848 square feet of land, with a brick building thereon, and which rents for \$360.00 per year.

## EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures charged to the appropriation for Public Lands during the year 1876 have been as follows:—

For amount paid salary of Superintendent, one year . . . . .	\$1,800 00
For amount paid the erecting of a rail fence on L street, east of First street . . . . .	101 71
For amount paid the erecting of a rail fence on Swett street . . . . .	152 33
For amount paid the erecting of a rail fence on East Newton and Albany streets . . . . .	152 40
For amount paid the erecting of a rail fence on East Stoughton street . . . . .	168 00
For amount paid one-half of expenses in erecting a rail fence upon the boundary line of estates as owned by the City of Boston, and of T. E. Ruggles, in the town of Milton . . . . .	60 00
For amount paid for grading done on East Newton street . . . . .	170 25
For amount paid for grading of East Stoughton street . . . . .	168 00
For amount paid for grading of land between East Chester park and East Springfield street . . . . .	179 10
For amount paid taxes to the town of Quincy on marsh land, to the town of Hull on Great Brewster Island, to the town of Milton on wood lot, and to the town of Everett on three lots of land as owned by the City of Boston . . . . .	74 56
For amount paid for sewer assessments on Boston street and Rutland square . . . . .	280 43
For amount paid expenses of the committee of 1875 . . . . .	66 55
For amount paid expenses of the committee of 1876 . . . . .	546 45

For amount paid for carriage-hire . . . .	\$56 00
For amount paid for one-half expense in paying of sidewalk in Harrison avenue south of East Newton street . . . .	88 20
For amount paid for stationery . . . .	12 90
For amount paid for grading done on passageway in rear of East Dedham street . . . .	61 50
For amount paid for cleaning out of well upon land on Highland street . . . .	18 50
For amount paid for painting of sign for lease of wharf on Albany street . . . .	3 50
For amount paid for the construction of a drain on vacant land upon East Second street . . . .	29 25
Total . . . . .	\$4,195 63

## SALABLE LANDS,

In charge of the Committee on Public Lands :—

*City Proper.*

15 lots on Harrison avenue, containing . . .	86,637 sq. ft.
14 " Albany street " . . .	24,904 "
27 " East Newton street " . . .	50,080 "
23 " " Stoughton " " . . .	46,092 "
7 " " Dedham " " . . .	15,157 "
16 " " Springfield " " . . .	26,726 "
11 " " Chester Park " " . . .	18,800 "
2 wharf and dock lots " . . .	103,515 "
2 reserved lots " . . .	32,000 "
1 lot on Newbury street " . . .	2,128 "

1 lot of land on North Grove street, which is now used by the Sewer and Health Department, containing . . . . 13,700 "

Total . . . . . 369,739 "

*South Boston.*

Between First and Fourth streets and K and O streets as follows :—

40 lots on East First street, containing . . .	150,500 sq. ft.
56 " " Second " " . . .	210,250 "
33 " " Third " " . . .	121,862 "
3 " " Broadway, " . . .	11,375 "
1 lot " " Fourth street " . . .	6,250 "

5 lots on M street, opposite Independence square, containing . . . .	31,250 sq. ft.
5 lots on N street, opposite Independence square, containing . . . .	31,250 "
Total . . . . .	562,737

*Boston Highlands.*

1 lot on Tremont and Heath streets, containing . . . .	370,260 sq. ft.
1 wharf lot on Swett street, containing . . . .	22,060 "
1 lot on Cabot " " . . .	6,250 "
1 " Swett " " . . .	112,070 "
2 lots on Greenwood and Highland streets, containing . . . .	239,490 "
Total . . . . .	750,130 "

*Dorchester.*

1 lot on Dorchester avenue and Gibson street, known as the Gibson School-fund Property, containing . . . .	586,427 sq. ft.
2 lots of marsh land in the town of Quincy, containing . . . .	370,910 "
1 wood lot in the town of Milton, containing . . . .	414,767 "
1 lot on Bird street, " . . .	80,632 "
3 lots on Commercial street, " . . .	109,015 "
1 lot on Norfolk " " . . .	50,222 "
2 lots on Codman " " . . .	90,120 "
5 " Ashmont " " . . .	57,160 "
Total . . . . .	1,759,253 "

*Charlestown.*

Land and flats in the rear of Harvard Burying-ground, and north-west of Canal street, the boundary lines of which have not at present been defined, but were valued by the City of Charlestown, in 1873, at \$50,000.

Three lots of land in the town of Everett, containing . . . .	20,700 sq. ft.
One wharf lot on Medford street, foot of Elm street, at present used by the Paving Department, containing . . . .	28,840 "

*Brighton.*

A lot of land and buildings known as the Poor-house Farm, bounded by a lane leading from Lake street, and by land of Malcolm Chandler, and which contains about fourteen acres.

One lot in Newton Centre, bounded by Beacon street, and which contains about four acres.

*West Roxbury.*

Four lots of land on Moreland and Prospect streets, containing 34,329 square feet.

One lot on Morton street, containing 14,487 square feet.

## NORTHAMPTON-STREET DISTRICT.

In accordance with an order passed by the City Council and approved by His Honor the Mayor, Nov. 29th, 1876, the estates situated on the Northampton-street District, which had been taken by the City of Boston, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 340 of the Acts of the year 1873, were placed in charge of the Committee on Public Lands; and the Superintendent was by them directed to notify all parties occupying the premises, that from and after the first day of December all rents must be paid to him. He was also directed to have a room upon said territory, fitted up for an office, and to devote such portion of his time to the care and management of said property, as in his judgment he should deem it to be for the best interest of the city. His office has been established at 982 Harrison avenue, and the hours fixed are from 9½ to 11½ A. M., and from 2½ to 4½ P. M. From 12 to 2 P. M. he will be at his office, City Hall.

The following statement will show the amount of property as taken by and now belonging to the City of Boston in said district:—

The land and buildings of Walter Farusworth, containing . . . . .	88,317 sq. ft.
Land of Andrew W. Newman, containing . . . . .	69,350 "
Land and buildings of J. H. and S. H. Hunneman, containing . . . . .	9,448 "
Land of Mary E. Welsh, containing . . . . .	5,318 "
Land of James E. Root, containing . . . . .	2,639 "
Land of James B. Hildreth, containing . . . . .	204 "
Land of A. G. Bartlett, containing . . . . .	8,432 "
Total . . . . .	183,708 "

Upon said territory there are thirty-two houses of wood and eight model houses of brick, and which are occupied by one hundred and twenty-two families, chiefly of the laboring classes, and with few exceptions of a quiet and peaceable disposition; some of whom are at present out of employment, but it is hoped arrangements with the Street and Health Departments may be made so as to ensure them work while tenants of the city.

There are also three small wooden buildings, which are occupied as stables.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. HALL,  
*Superintendent of Public Lands.*

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